during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87, State-wise; and

(b) the total number of industries set up in pursuance of these licences, State-wise till February, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 18.]

(b) A letter of intent is granted with an initial validity period of one year and further extensions are also granted on adequate justification. After the entrepreneur fulfils the conditions of the letter of intent, the same is converted ino an industrial licence. The initial validity period of an industrial licence is two years within which the entrepreneur is expected to commence production. However, further extensions beyond the initial validity period of two years can also be granted by the administrative Ministry concerned on genuine grounds. It generally takes about three to four years for an industrial project to fructify. Actual gestation period, however, varies from project to project.

Report of Jaswant Singh Commission on setting up of benches of High Court

279. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1825 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any final decision on the Jaswant Singh Commission's Report on setting up more benches of the Allahabad High Court; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The specific recommendations made by the Jaswant Singh Commission on setting up of a bench of the Allahabad High Court in Western districts of Uttar Pradesh were referred to the State Government for their comments. A reply from the State Government is awaited.

Report of High Power Pay Committee on public sector undertakings

280. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received report of the High Power Pay Committee constituted to look into the pay revision of officers in 67 public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Committee and the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) if not, by when the report is likely to be submitted to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) to (c) The High Power Pay Committee assumed office on 1-12-1986. They are to give their report within a period of twelve months after assumption of office. However, the Committee has submitted its interim report to the Government on 9.3.1987 which has been accepted by the Government.

Royalty paid to oil and gas producing States

281. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of royalty paid to oil and gas producing States per tonne